

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

MONSANTO COMPANY and
MONSANTO TECHNOLOGY LLC,

Plaintiffs,

v.

E.I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS AND CO. and
PIONEER HI-BRED INTERNATIONAL, INC.,

Defendants.

Case No. 4:09-cv-0686 (ERW)

EXHIBIT 4

May 23, 2008 Monsanto Press Release

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF DUPONT'S MOTION TO COMPEL TESTIMONY
AND DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SYNGENTA'S ROUNDUP READY 1 LICENSE
AND TESTIMONY RELATED TO SYNGENTA'S ROUNDUP READY 2 LICENSE AND
DUPONT'S RENEWED MOTION TO COMPEL PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS
RELATED TO SYNGENTA'S ROUNDUP READY 2 LICENSE



Monsanto and Syngenta Reach Royalty-Bearing Licensing Agreement on Roundup Ready 2 Yield Soybean Technology

Global business agreement provides broader farmer access and expands the market opportunity for Monsanto's second-generation herbicide-tolerant technology

ST. LOUIS, May 23 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Monsanto today expanded the potential commercial availability of its breakthrough Roundup Ready 2 Yield(TM) soybean technology by granting a global royalty-bearing license to Syngenta for use across its soybean seed brands. Monsanto's Asgrow(R) brand and American Seeds Inc. companies' brands are preparing for the introduction of this higher-yielding soybean technology, and the company is also broadly offering the technology to its Corn States customers to further expand the reach at the time of introductory launch in 2009.

With Syngenta's agreement to terms for a Roundup Ready 2 Yield license, Monsanto now estimates a potential available acreage for the product of 45 million to 55 million acres in the United States, or an increase of more than 10 percent over its original projection of 40 million to 50 million acres. Monsanto believes that Roundup Ready 2 Yield ultimately could be used on approximately seventy-five percent of an average of 60 million to 70 million soybean acres in the United States. Sales of Syngenta's brands represented approximately 12 percent of total U.S. soybean sales in 2007. Monsanto's Asgrow and American Seeds Inc. brands collectively represented approximately 27 percent of total U.S. soybean sales in 2007.

Monsanto's Roundup Ready 2 Yield soybeans will be introduced on 1 million to 2 million acres for the 2009 season as part of a controlled commercial release, followed by a large-scale product launch of 5 million to 6 million acres scheduled for 2010.

"Roundup Ready 2 Yield will be the first of four game-changing technologies that Monsanto plans to bring to farmers between now and the middle of the next decade," said Brett Begemann, executive vice president of Monsanto's global commercial business.

"Roundup Ready 2 Yield will be the new platform in soybeans, and can provide farmers with yield gains that have never been seen before in this crop," said Begemann. "In the future, this product will also serve as Monsanto's base technology for the next wave of soybean traits that enhance oil content or take yields to higher levels."

Monsanto's second-generation soybean technology is poised to increase soybean yields for farmers allowing them to use the additive yield to support the world's growing food, feed and fuel needs. Four years of Monsanto research trials demonstrate that Roundup Ready 2 Yield soybeans provide a consistent yield advantage of 7 percent to 11 percent when compared with its predecessor, Roundup Ready(R) soybeans. The four-year average yield increase of Roundup Ready 2 Yield over its first-generation counterpart was 9 percent.

As part of today's announcement, Monsanto said that it has also reached a global business agreement with Syngenta that establishes cooperative arrangements that are expected to result in new technology options for farmers.

Under the agreement:

- Monsanto receives a royalty-bearing license to Syngenta's enabling technology related to Monsanto's third-generation herbicide-tolerant technology, Dicamba tolerance.
- Monsanto grants Syngenta a royalty-free license to its rights around specific herbicide-tolerant corn technology (GA21 event) and to its rights around specific insect-protected corn borer technology (Bt11).
- Monsanto and Syngenta agreed to settle all patent, antitrust and commercial litigation between them and their subsidiaries. Some of these disputes include Syngenta's antitrust suit, Monsanto's patent infringement suit on herbicide-tolerant corn technologies, and a dispute between the parties on herbicide-tolerant soybean technology.
- Monsanto and Syngenta agreed to cross-enable each other to develop and deliver innovative new herbicide-tolerant and Bt insect-protection products in corn, cotton and soybeans to compete for the business of farmers around the world.

"We're pleased that we were able to work with Syngenta to put farmer customers first and reach an agreement that offers them tremendous benefits and choice in the seasons ahead," said Begemann. "Our goal is to be the technology collaborator of choice within the agricultural industry."

Additional specific details of the agreement were not disclosed.

Monsanto Company (NYSE: MON) is a leading global provider of technology-based solutions and agricultural products that improve farm productivity and food quality.

Note to editors:

- Monsanto Company does not sell and has not authorized the commercial sale or use of Roundup Ready 2 Yield soybeans. Any product produced from a Roundup Ready 2 Yield soybean crop or seed may only be used, exported to, processed or sold in countries where regulatory approvals have been granted. It is a violation of national and international law to move material containing biotech traits across boundaries into nations where import is not permitted.
- Roundup Ready, Roundup Ready 2 Yield and Asgrow are trademarks of Monsanto Technology LLC.

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